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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re:  
Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos et al.  
Application Serial No.: 09/883,130  
Filing Date : June 15, 2001  
Title: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING DIGITAL  
IMAGES OF OBJECTS WITH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED  
SPECKLE-NOISE PATTERNS BY ILLUMINATING SAID  
OBJECTS WITH SPATIALLY AND/OR TEMPORALLY  
COHERENT-REDUCED PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION  
Examiner : n/a  
Group Art Unit : 2876  
Attorney Docket No. : 108-106USA000

Honorable Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same  
as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-13, 15-19, 21, 23-36, 38-55 and 57-94 without prejudice or  
disclaimer.